

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-00864-EGS**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
et al

Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/10/2017

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/10/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4947127) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of State, # <u>5</u> Summons U.S. Department of the Treasury)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 05/10/2017)
05/10/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 05/10/2017)
05/10/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (jd) (Entered: 05/11/2017)
05/11/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (2) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Consent Forms)(jd) (Entered: 05/11/2017)
05/16/2017	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/16/2017. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/15/2017.), RETURN OF

		SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/16/2017., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 5/16/2017 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 05/16/2017)
06/15/2017	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D)(Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 06/15/2017)
06/16/2017	<u>6</u>	STANDING FOIA ORDER. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 06/16/2017. (lcegs3) (Entered: 06/16/2017)
06/16/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Scheduling Order due by 7/7/2017. (mac) (Entered: 06/16/2017)
07/05/2017	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 07/05/2017)
07/06/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>7</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, the parties are ORDERED to file another joint status report by no later than October 7, 2017 to update the Court on the status of plaintiff's FOIA requests and whether further litigation is necessary. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 07/6/2017. (lcegs3) (Entered: 07/06/2017)
07/06/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/7/2017. (mac) (Entered: 07/06/2017)
07/24/2017	<u>8</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 7/24/2017. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit) (lcegs1) (Entered: 07/24/2017)
10/06/2017	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 10/06/2017)
10/10/2017		MINUTE ORDER in view of <u>9</u> parties' joint status report, the parties are ordered to file another joint status report by no later than December 6, 2017 to update the Court on the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, the government's responses, and how the parties propose to proceed in this matter. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/10/2017. (lcegs3) (Entered: 10/10/2017)
10/10/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/6/2017. (mac) (Entered: 10/10/2017)
12/06/2017	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>Joint Status Report</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 12/06/2017)
12/08/2017		MINUTE ORDER in view of <u>10</u> parties' joint status report, the parties are ordered to file another joint status report by no later than February 16, 2018 to update the Court on the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, the government's responses, and how the parties propose to proceed in this matter. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 12/8/2017. (lcegs3) (Entered: 12/08/2017)
12/08/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/16/2018. (mac) (Entered: 12/08/2017)
02/16/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 02/16/2018)
03/01/2018		MINUTE ORDER in view of <u>11</u> joint status report, the parties are directed to file a joint status report by June 15, 2018 to appraise the Court of the status of Judicial Watch's FOIA requests and provide recommendations for next steps. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 3/1/2018. (lcegs3) (Entered: 03/01/2018)
03/01/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/15/2018. (mac) (Entered: 03/01/2018)

06/15/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
06/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER in view of <u>12</u> parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a joint status report by October 15, 2018 to update the Court of the status of the plaintiff's FOIA requests and recommend next steps for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 6/15/2018. (lcegs3) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
06/18/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/15/2018. (mac) (Entered: 06/18/2018)
10/15/2018	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Kevin Matthew Snell (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
10/15/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
10/16/2018		MINUTE ORDER in view of <u>14</u> parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a joint status report by November 16, 2018 to update the Court of the status of the plaintiff's FOIA requests and recommend next steps for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/16/2018. (lcegs3) (Entered: 10/16/2018)
10/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/16/2018. (mac) (Entered: 10/17/2018)
11/16/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 11/16/2018)
11/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER in view of <u>15</u> joint status report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than January 15, 2019 advising the Court of the status of Judicial Watch's FOIA requests and providing recommendations for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 11/17/2018. (lcegs3) (Entered: 11/17/2018)
11/19/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/15/2019. (mac) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
01/10/2019	<u>16</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>In Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 01/10/2019)
01/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>16</u> unopposed motion to stay in light of lapse of appropriations. Defendants are directed to notify the Court when appropriations are restored or if a continuing resolution is enacted. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 1/10/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 01/10/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>17</u>	NOTICE to the Court of Restoration of Appropriations by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Proposed Deadline for Joint Status Report by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
02/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>18</u> notice of proposed deadlines for joint status report, the parties are directed to file a joint status report by no later than February 22, 2019, informing the Court of the status of plaintiff's FOIA requests and providing recommendations for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/4/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
02/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/22/2019. (mac) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/22/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 02/22/2019)
02/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In view of the <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report informing the Court of the status of Plaintiff's FOIA requests and proposing recommendations for further proceedings by no later than April 22, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/22/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 02/22/2019)

		02/22/2019)
02/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/22/2019. (mac) (Entered: 02/25/2019)
04/18/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
04/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In view of the <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than July 22, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 4/24/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 04/24/2019)
04/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/22/2019. (mac) (Entered: 04/24/2019)
07/22/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 07/22/2019)
07/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In view of the <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than October 22, 2019, updating the Court on the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request and proposing a recommendation for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 7/23/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 07/23/2019)
07/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/22/2019. (mac) (Entered: 07/23/2019)
10/22/2019	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Snell, Kevin) (Entered: 10/22/2019)
10/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In view of the <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than January 22, 2020, proposing a recommendation for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/22/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 10/22/2019)
10/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/22/2020. (mac) (Entered: 10/23/2019)